GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:650
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NEW TEXTILE POLICY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of new textile policy;

(b) whether the Government have received any representations against the new textile policy as it adversely affects Indian cotton growers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the remedial action taken in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 650 FOR ANS ON 10.5.2002

(a) The National Textile Policy, announced in November 2000, redefines goals and objectives, and focuses on strategic thrust areas meant to strengthen the Textile Industry and make it globally competitive, by facilitating and enabling technological upgradation of all manufacturing segments of the industry; increase in the raw material base by emphasis on productivity and quality; integrated human resources development, with special attention to those working in the de-centralised and the traditional sectors; attention to product diversification with a strong multi-fibre base and innovative marketing strategies; and a major thrust on exports. The target for textiles and apparel exports is US$ 50 billion by the year 2010 with garments contributing US$ 25 billion. The policy also aims to increase sustainable employment through the growth of the industry.

(b) to (d) Several representations were received after the National Textile Policy 2000 was announced. However, no representation specifically mentioning that the Policy adversely affects Indian cotton growers has been received in the Ministry of Textiles.